

WISBECH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1969

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

<u>Name of officer</u>	<u>Nature of appointment</u>	<u>Date of appointment</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>	<u>Any other appointments held</u>
Margaret Doreen Cuthbert Martin	Medical Officer of Health	1st July, 1963	M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H.	Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Wisbech
Donald Brook	Chief Public Health Inspector	11th June, 1957	(a) Certificates of the Royal Society of Health and Public Health Inspectors Examination Joint Board (b) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health: (i) Meat Inspector (ii) Smoke Inspector (c) Testamure of the Institute of Public Cleansing	Chief Public Health Inspector, Inspector of Canal Boats, Inspector of Common Lodging Houses and Inspector under the Shops and Pet Animals Acts for the Borough of Wisbech
Denis Marshall Pickles	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector	1st February, 1968	(a) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and Public Health Inspectors Examination Joint Board (b) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health - Meat Inspector	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector Inspector of Canal Boats, Inspector of Common Lodging Houses and Inspector under the Shops and Pet Animals Acts for the Borough of Wisbech
John Francis Pinkstone	Additional Public Health Inspector	18th March, 1968	Diploma, Public Health Inspectors Education Board	Additional Public Health Inspector, Inspector of Canal Boats, Inspector of Common Lodging Houses and Inspector under the Shops and Pet Animals Acts for the Borough of Wisbech

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

TABLE B

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number inspected</u>		<u>Number of ships reported as having, or having had, during voyage, infectious disease on board</u>
			<u>By the M.O.H.</u>	<u>By the P.H.I.</u>	
Foreign ports	235	45,465 86,919	Nil	121	Nil
Coastwise	53	14,872 39,604	Nil	16	Nil
Total	288	60,337 126,523	Nil	137	Nil

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger traffic	(Number of passengers Inwards: Nil (Number of passengers Outwards: Nil
Cargo traffic	(Principal imports: Petroleum, potash, timber, grain and fertilisers (Principal exports: Peas, bricks and beans
Principal ports from which ships arrive:	Immingham, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Hamburg, Kristinenstad, Aarhus, Gdansk, Cuxhaven, Meppel, Bremen and Wismar

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic

Number using the district)	None during the year
Tonnage)	
Places served)	

SECTION V - Water supply

No change

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

No change

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

Smallpox Hospital, Ipswich.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

In the event of there being a suspected case, the Officer in Charge of the Ambulance Station, Ipswich, telephone number Ipswich 56407, would be contacted. He would make all necessary arrangements for the ambulance and be responsible for ensuring that any necessary vaccination or disinfection of the ambulance crew was carried out.

- (3) Names of smallpox consultants available:

		<u>Telephone No.</u>		
	<u>Office</u>		<u>Home</u>	
Dr. J. D. Kershaw	Colchester	5101	Colchester	73176
Dr. W. A. Oliver	Norwich	23111	Norwich	53535
Dr. G. Nisbit (Isle of Ely)	Peterborough	2489	Peterborough	2896
Dr. A. R. Darlow (West Cambridge)	Bedford	68211	Bedford	68124

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox:

In the event of laboratory diagnosis being required, reference would be made to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No change

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

<u>Category</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of cases during year</u>		<u>Number of ships concerned</u>
		<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but which have been disposed of before arrival	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	-	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria have occurred

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with, or suspected for, plague

There were no ships infected with, or suspected for, plague



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SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

The Public Health Inspector, as a normal measure, makes an inspection of ships from foreign ports. Should the presence of rats be found, or suspected, he would take any necessary action.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Any case coming under this heading would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

The deratting of ships is the responsibility of the Public Health Inspector, who uses the fumigation method and/or poison bait method.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting certificates and deratting exemption certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

This is not directly applicable as the port is not an "approved port" or a "designated approved port", but there is an agreement whereby the Port Health Inspectors of the Borough of Wisbech act as the agents of King's Lynn Borough Council in the issue of deratting exemption certificates for the port of Wisbech.

During the year ten deratting exemption certifiates were issued for ships from foreign ports.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

<u>Nature and number of inspections</u>		<u>Notices served</u>		<u>Result of serving notices</u>
		<u>Statutory notices</u>	<u>Other notices</u>	
Routine	137	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	137	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

During the year the handling of two types of cargo has given rise to nuisances.

On several occasions dust from cargoes of grain being loaded or discharged at the grain warehouse has been of such magnitude as to be considered a public health nuisance. It is evident that modifications to the grain elevators and ancillary machinery are necessary if the problem is to be overcome.

Fertiliser and similar products being off-loaded on to waiting motor vehicles have also been the source of nuisance, particularly in times of high wind, when dust spilling from the grabs has been carried across the river and given rise to complaints from householders in the vicinity. It can be anticipated that, when the proposed factory development takes place on land adjacent to Nene Parade, the problem will become more acute.

It is difficult to see how this situation could be resolved except by an entirely new method of handling these commodities.

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